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Socialist Party Conference

While the storm raged on last Friday and Saturday the Socialists of Fairbanks were about to recall the announcement of the conference for Sunday, but when the day came the storm had completely subsided and a goodly number assembled at 10 a.m. for the business session. Mrs. M. L. Gerth called the meeting to order and Mrs. Lena Morrow Lewis was elected chairman of the conference and N. R. King secretary.

With a brief statement from the chairman as to the purpose of the conference, the members proceeded at once to the formation of a new constitution, inasmuch as the one adopted some months ago was more or less unsatisfactory. A spirited discussion arose over several points and the text of the new constitution will contain a number of minority reports on points that the comrades could not agree on.

There is no other political party where the rank and file are privileged to think for themselves and discuss differences as in the Socialist party. Freedom of speech is the safeguard of every organization. Only by an open and frank discussion of differences and a sincere desire to arrive at the very best result can we benefit by such conferences.

The afternoon session was devoted to business until 2.30 p.m. when the chairman announced the propaganda feature of the program.

One of the most interesting items was an address by Comrade Ringdahl of Cleary local on the difference between the old parties and the Socialist party. Some very clever allusions were made to Teddy the I. A. M. Mr. Ringdahl is very well grounded in the socialist philosophy and gives promise of becoming a fine speaker. The Socialists of Alaska want to keep their eyes on him as he is a man of great possibilities.

In spite of a severe cold which seriously handicapped him, Lars Westenvik also of Cleary read a fine paper on the necessity of having a right to the line and keeping up an active propaganda work. Mr. Westenvik is an old timer in the movement and is always ready for any service the organization asks of him.

The presence of these members from Cleary local added very much to the discussions in the business sessions.

Special mention should also be made of the paper read by Mr. Nicolson on the conditions that confront the movement in Alaska and how conditions produce a different type of mind among the workers than conditions do outside.

Little Margaret Valkman entertained the conference with a couple of her finely rendered recitations. She is a favorite with Fairbanks audiences.

Mrs. Lewis interspersed short pointed comments between the various speeches and papers. The constitution as proposed and also the platform as endorsed by the conference will be sent out to the locals of Alaska for approval or rejection as the members of the party may see fit.

Jobless Persons Demonstrate.

Buda Post.—There was a demonstration of 30,000 men and women here who were out of employment a few days ago. Windows were smashed and foodstuff stores and coal wagons were plundered.

The police charged the people with drawn swords and arrested many of them.

The Municipal Election Candidates' Statements As Far As we Could Secure Them.

Peoples

When interviewed by our representative Mr. Peoples said he would if elected stand for just a clean cut business man's administration.

Driscoll

My idea is to keep expenses as low as possible and at the same time keep up the highest standard of efficiency possible. To conduct the city as a business proposition.

Gordon

If elected, we intend to get the city out of debt and keep it out, and at the same time to keep up the present high standard of efficiency with a lower rate of taxation.

Socialist

We, the regular candidates of the Socialist party individually and collectively offer the following policy and program which we will endeavor to carry out if elected to office. This program is by no means Socialism, but it is at least an effort to protect the best interests of the community and especially the working class with the means we have at hand.

We favor the most careful and economical management of the city's affairs in keeping with the highest efficiency.

We favor the payment of adequate wages to all city employees and are opposed to reduction of wages on principle, but if it becomes necessary to re-

trench in the city expenditures by reducing wages, we demand that the reduction begin with the higher paid employees.

We demand an equitable assessment on all property.

We demand the chiefs of every department shall give his personal attention to the duties of his position.

We demand the highest efficiency in every department of the city service and particularly that of the fire department.

If it becomes necessary in a policy of retrenchment to reduce the present fire fighting force, we believe that the efficiency of the department would be less impaired by combining the positions of the Chief and Captain, letting one man do the work of these two, rather than by reducing the number of men who do the real work of the department.

We demand the maintenance of the present standard of the schools and are opposed to any retrenchment that will reduce their efficiency.

We demand the strict enforcement of all building regulations looking to the protection against fire and the enactment of such other ordinances as may be necessary to properly safeguard the city against fire.

We demand the enforcement of the ordinance keeping in repair all sidewalks that the life

and limb of pedestrians shall not be jeopardized.

We demand that if the red light district must exist, that it be governed as to forbid as far as possible the exploitation of the residents of that district.

Geo. Brinkman
Frank Buteau
Bernard Friss
N. R. King.
R.P. MacGowan
Henry T. Woodcock

McDonald

My record as a Councilman speaks for itself. I shall if elected continue to work for the furtherance of the best interests of the people of Fairbanks.

CaMahon

I am running as an independent candidate. My record on the council for the past 9 years, shows that I have invariably, generally successfully, opposed anything inimical to the interests of the working class. For the rest I pledge myself, if I am again elected to work with a mind solely intent for the good of Fairbanks.

Nordale

Get the City out of debt and keep her out of debt.

Thornton

If I am elected I shall serve the city to the best of my ability

Several of the candidates we were unable to see.

World's wonders Prizes

A big popular daily which has passed into the hands of a syndicate which is supposed to represent the Kaiser in Berlin, offered prizes for the best symposium of the seven wonders of the world.

Prizes have been awarded to eight people who are agreed that the following are the seven

modern wonders of the world. Wireless telegraphy, the Panama Canal, the dirigible airship, the flying machine, Radium, the cinematograph and the Imperator.

Wireless and the Panama Canal were the favorites among the voters

James, who is broke,—I have one faithful friend left. Hulke, also broke, Who is it? James—My pipe. I can still draw on it.

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Senate Contingent Fund.

Washington, Razors, Grapefruit knives, spools of red tape, horseshoes, 4,050 pounds of timothy hay, oats, meal and bran, straw, arnica, gargling oil and mustang liniment are among the items for which expenditure was made out of the contingent fund of the senate for the period since the Democratic party took

control last March up to the end of the last fiscal year

This information is disclosed in the report of James M. Baker, secretary of the senate; which has just been sent to the public printer. Another expenditure surprising at first glance is \$27.23 but it develops that this was for services of Amos Woodcock.